

Riding in Corvallis

*What you need to know
about local laws and ordinances*

CORVALLIS ORDINANCES

The City of Corvallis has adopted several ordinances pertaining to the riding of bicycles in our city. Some of the most common ordinances are:

Bicycles are prohibited from riding on sidewalks in the Downtown Area and NW Monroe Avenue business district boundaries for downtown are NW Jackson Avenue to the north, SW Jefferson Avenue to the south, Fifth Street to the west, and Riverfront Park to the east, [ORD.6.10.060.090100](#) (boundaries for NW Monroe Avenue are from NW 14th Street to NW 26th Street)

Bicycles must yield to pedestrians when approaching a sidewalk and yield to other vehicles when entering a roadway [ORD.6.10.060.140](#)

BICYCLE VIOLATIONS ARE ENFORCED IN THE CITY OF CORVALLIS!

Bail amounts range from \$25 to \$1,200

STATE LAWS

All Oregon State laws regarding bicycles apply in the City of Corvallis. Some of the more common bicycle laws are:

Bicycles are considered vehicles when riding in the roadway, you must obey all traffic laws, including stopping, turning, direction of travel, and yielding the right-of-way. [ORS.814.400](#)

White Light and Red Reflector When riding at night, either in the street or on the sidewalk, you must have a white light visible from 500 feet to the front and a red reflector to the rear. [ORS.815.280](#)

Helmets Persons under the age of 16 years must wear a helmet whenever riding a bicycle. [ORS.814.485](#)

Alcohol and Bicycles Since bicycles are considered as vehicles, laws pertaining to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants apply to bicycles - you can be arrested for DUII on a bicycle. [ORS.813.010](#)

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!

We want you to enjoy riding in Corvallis. Here are a few safety tips and ways to protect yourself from theft.

Keep your bike in good repair check brakes, tires, chain, etc. frequently and have a bike shop do an annual checkup.

Wear a helmet The use of helmets can cut the risk of head injuries by 88%.

Ride defensively Look and think ahead.

Obey all traffic laws Bicyclists must follow the same laws as motor vehicles. If you want to be safe in traffic, you must ride like traffic.

Learn to turn About 10% of all bicycle crashes happen during turns. These crashes are mostly caused by failing to scan to the rear for cars coming up from behind.

Be predictable Signal your intentions and share the road.

Be visible Wear bright clothing and use reflectors to help others see you.

Always lock your bicycle securely when it is unattended. Place a chain or cable through both wheels, the frame and around a stationary object.

Record the serial number of your bicycle and keep it with your permanent records.

Engrave your Oregon Driver License number on your bicycle frame (see Operation Identification brochure). Engravers can be borrowed free of charge from the Corvallis Police Department.

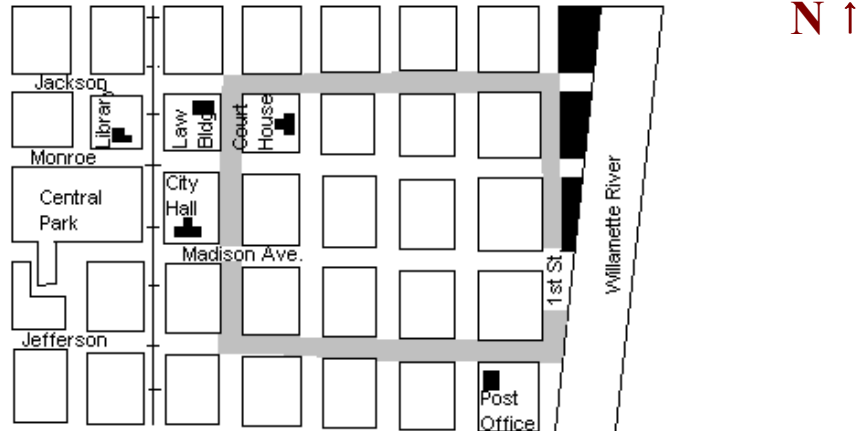
SKATEBOARDS

The City of Corvallis welcomes all modes of transportation, including skateboards. We encourage all skateboarders to enjoy themselves and to be safe while skating.

Due to the safety concerns of skateboarders, vehicles and pedestrians, skateboards are restricted from being ridden in the downtown area other than along the bike path next to the Willamette River. Specifically, no person may use a skateboard in Central Park or in the restricted area identified on the prior page. [ORD 6.10.060.040](#)

DOWNTOWN RESTRICTED AREA

This map details where bicycles are prohibited from being ridden on the downtown sidewalks. Restricted areas not shown include NW Monroe Avenue between NW 14th Street and NW 26th Street.



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